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GARDNER MAKES CONVENTION HIT

Gubernational Candidate Pleases Crowd With Word Picture of Progress

Raleigh, May 3.—O. Max Gardner, only avowed candidate for governor in 1928, made a decided hit at the state democratic convention on Thursday in his brief speech announcing his own candidacy and painting a word picture of the seven democratic administrations since 1900.

Mr. Gardner said:

"Four years ago I stood on this platform and declared before a democratic convention that, in my judgment, political equity and geographical recognition entitled Eastern Carolina to the uncontested right of naming the next governor of North Carolina. I hope I do not trespass upon political proprieties when I now announce to a surprised public that I happen to know at least one Western Carolina democrat and I hope only one, who, by the same equitable and geographical token, is giving serious consideration to the subject of offering himself as a candidate for governor in the 1928 primary.

"In order to forestall embarrassment, I refrain from mentioning his name. I can say at least one thing for him. His democracy is undiluted; his loyalty to his party undisputed, and his willingness to serve hardly denied.

"It affords me great joy to assemble with this splendid group of North Carolina democrats. My interest in the primary is always at its lowest ebb just after one has been held and during a political convention. There is something fascinating about a political convention. It cultivates that close affection which grows from common names, kindred spirits, from similar advantages and friendly rivalry, but its contesting glory has faded, and we now meet to shake hands, felicitate our brethren, stimulate the [illegible] selves for further service to North Carolina.

"It is the nature of man to overrate present evil and to underrate present good; to long for that which he has not and to be dissatisfied with that which he has. This feeling is the living germ of the spirit of progress, without which all governments would soon decay, degenerate and pass away. It is this spirit of sustained progress that has enabled the democratic party to hold aloft the honored traditions of our native state and add a new lustre to her crown of glory.

"Aycock, the sweetheart of my political ambitions, was a discontented democrat. I love North Carolina because it is a discontented state; not the discontent that tears down, but the discontent that builds up.

"North Carolina has stepped out from the ranks of her sister states, because she has not been content. She has longed for that which has not and was dissatisfied with that which she had.

"The progressive development of our state commenced to be reflected, under [illegible] in the dawn of a new century. [illegible] vance or to recede. He held North Carolina to her true bearing and chastened the conscience of the commonwealth by his clean and wholesome life.

"After Kitchin would follow the form of the little giant of the mountains, Locke Craig. I would have him stationed as a picket, far out on the political horizon, anxiously welcoming the dawn for the first faint gleam of the birth of a new day in North Carolina. I would have him greet this day with cordial co-operation and sympathetic purpose, as he successfully strove for the building of a finer and nobler state.

"As the curtain fell on Craig, I would announce with the clarion bugle call, the practical and poetic figure of Walter Bickett. I would march [illegible] the seventy-nine [illegible] North Carolina, rallying under his firm and friendly leadership to the cry of a distressed world in obedience to the summons of our immortal commander and chieftain, Woodrow Wilson. I would reveal Bicnett in the new ground of progress, pulling the stumps of reaction, rolling away the logs of prejudice, clearing the land, cotting the briers, burning the brush and fertilizing the public mind for the cultivation of an awakened and dominant public conscience.

"In sequence after Bickett would come Cameron Morrison. I would boldly reveal his outstanding personality, vividly display his fine loyalty and patriotic devotion to North Carolina. I would write under his name in letters of gold the word 'Progress.' His figure would loom large in the picture and in the perspective of history, as he gathers happiness from a record of progressive achievements, unparalleled in the life our state. I would picture him as carrying North Carolina to the utmost boundaries of human progress.

"The last reel would present the clear-cut picture of Willie McLean. The articles tell us that we cannot appreciate the beauty of any painting [illegible]

POSTAL CLERK AT LIBERTY

James R. Lewis, Gives Bond in Sum of $1,000 for His Appearance in Court

Rocky Mount, May 4.—James R. Lewis, Wilson postal clerk, is at liberty today under $1,000 bond following preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. H. Proctor Saturday afternoon when he was ordered held for federal court on a charge of rifling the mails.

Lewis, who has been in the postal service at Wilson for several years, was arrested earlier in the day after he had been caught in a trap laid by postoffice inspectors, who had been at work in the Wilson office since the rifling of a number of registered packages had been reported.

Inspectors handling the case placed marked bills in a registered letter, and the letter was missing when the mail pouch was taken to the train for dispatch. Officials instituted search and found the marked bills, it was brought out at the preliminary hearing, on Lewis' person. His arrest followed.

SUNDAY MAY 9th, 1926

MOTHER

As the years roll by and I think of the days
When I sobbed on my mother's knee,
As she brushed back my locks with that wonderful touch,
In fancy again I can see
Those beautiful eyes as they looked into mine,
And again I can hear that sweet song
As I cuddled up close in her loving embrace,
How her magic could right every wrong.

She sang to me songs of a bright fairyland,
Of a place all blossomed with flowers;
Then I soon fell asleep with my troubles gone,
And the moments soon sped into hours.
The hours were too short as I slept on her breast
And dreamed of this beautiful place,
As she rocked me and kissed me and hugged me to her,
While a mother's tear fell on my face.

Every tear that she shed was a fountain of love;
Every sacrifice linked with a joy;
No day was too long, no task was too hard
As she tenderly cared for her boy.
As I grew to a man that same tender care,
Like the watch of the wild e'er its young,
Never seemed to forget, never seemed to grow tired,
If I faltered the closer she clung.

She sleeps near the place where I spent boyhood days,
Where I swung on the old fashioned gate,
Where the woodbine clings to the porch as of yore,
And the whipporwill calls to his mate.
To that sacred old place again I'll return
Where she moulded and fashioned my way,
And in reverence kneel where we laid her to rest
And watch till the close of the day.

When the day has grown old and the deep shadows lie
Where the pale of the moon casts its glow,
I'll follow the brook in the silvery sheen
To a place where the fragrant flowers grow,
And there where I spent golden days that have passed
I'll pluck just the sweetest that bloom,
Then carry them back to that spot I revere
And place them on my mother's tomb.

All the pleasures of life with their riches and fame
I'd gladly give back for the joy
Of the sweet, tender kiss and that wonderful touch
Of my mother—when I was a boy.

—Selected.

PAST APRIL WAS DRIEST

Month Also Sets Record As Having Lowest Temperature Ever Recorded

Raleigh, May 4.—Last month was the driest April since 1906, according to the local weather bureau. Less than half of the average amount of rain for the month fell and the majority of that occurred during the first [illegible] April 13 until [illegible] of an inch was reported [illegible] This is far below the normal [illegible] unusually dry spell [illegible]

WORST STRIKE IN HISTORY

Present Upheaval Will Bring Final Showdown Between Capital and Labor

London, May 4.—That the present coal strike and general industrial unrest is serious is proved by the fact that labor and government leaders recognize it as the worst in the British government's existence. The strike crisis is the second within five years, both due to the same cause—wages in the coal mines. But the situation now seems more serious than in 1921, when a similar condition prevailed.

The industrial centers in the kingdom [illegible] April 1926, [illegible] railway [illegible] transport [illegible]

Rosemary Man Loses Life in Vat of Acid

Rosemary, May 4.—Only the heart, bones and liver of T. L. Adkins were found today when a search was instituted for him after he had been missing since Saturday. Approximately [illegible] his person at the time of his disappearance also was [illegible] employed by the [illegible] Company and [illegible] respect and [illegible] water and [illegible] apparently [illegible] fell into the vat during Saturday night.

When the vat was drained only the [illegible]

RECEIVE BIDS FOR HIGHWAY

Work Expected to Total in the Neighborhood of $2400,000 For 157 Miles

Raleigh, May 4.—Bids for about 157 miles of highway and two small bridges will be received by the highway commission this morning, which work is expected to total around $2,400,000. The work is divided into 18 projects, with seven of them including the 53 miles of hard surface which will be constructed. The commissioners will meet Thursday to consider the bids and take up other business.

The largest contract will be for 14.86 miles of hard surface on route 21 in Bladen county, while the second largest involves the construction of 11.97 miles of hard surface on 22 in Cumberland and Robeson counties. Other projects involving hard surface roads are: 10.18 miles on route 91 in Wilson county; 9.04 miles respectively on route 12 in Edgecombe county and on route 91 in Beaufort county; 6.99 miles on route 77 in Stokes county, and 5.64 miles on route 20 in Buncombe county.

The longest stretch of roadway included in the letting is 14.77 miles on route 12 in Northampton county. Other projects involving the lighter type of roadway are: 13.59 miles on route 80 in Rowan county; 11.55 miles on route 303 in Jones county; 12 miles on route 231 in Bladen county; 10.51 miles on route 70 in Robeson county; 9.88 miles on route 10 in Catawba county; 9.72 miles on route 10 in Iredell county; 8.34 miles on route 125 in Halifax county, and .37 miles on route 40 in Nash county.

One of the bridges which will be let is on route 69 near Gulf, in Chatham county. The other is on route 19 near Tryon in Polk county.

STEVENS MAKES LOSSES GOOD

$4,800 of American Legion in Bank of Warsaw When the Bank Closed Its Coors

Raleigh, May 4.—Henry L. Stevens, Jr., state commander of the American Legion, has made good approximately $4,800 in Legion funds on deposit in the Bank of Warsaw, which closed its doors about two weeks ago, according to information received here yesterday.

Mr. Stevens and I. P. Davis, who as adjutant and finance officer, was directly in charge of the funds were both directors in the bank and were hard hit personally by the failure. However, Commander Stevens borrowed the necessary funds and made a deposit in the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Raleigh to cover the deposit in the defunct bank after deducting about $900, which was due to him for expenses and to Mr. Davis for salary.

The failure of the bank, which was regarded as one of the strongest institutions in its section, came as a great surprise. J. K. Powell, the president, has already been placed under arrest for embezzlement and litigation is in prospect in regard to about $100,000 in notes under seal of the town which passed through the bank.

The matter has already come before the courts in the form of two actions for a receivership, one having been instituted by interested parties in Kenansville, where there was a branch bank, with a view to separation of the two institutions and the other being been started by stockholders at Warsaw.

The corporation commission has as yet instituted no action pending suggestions of replacement and reorganization.

Perfect Flapper

AUTOCASTER

For five successive years Miss Dorothy Hughes of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been acclaimed Manhattan's most beautiful beauty. Joseph Cummins Chase, famous artist, says she is the handsomest in all America, while D. W. Griffith thinks her the "perfect flapper."

DEBATE ON FARM RELIEF

Haugen Makes Plea For His Measure; Pou Comments on "Unusual" Rule

Washington, May 4.—After months of committee deliberation, four days of debate on farm relief began today in the house under a rule providing for the consideration of three bills reported by the agriculture committee—the Haugen price stabilization measure, the Tincher credit plan and the Curtis-Aswell commodity marketing proposal.

The Haugen bill was given technical right of way, with the other measures in position to be called up as substitutes. So insistent are the demands for time to speak that night sessions are in prospect later in the week to pad out the allotted four days. The house will devote tomorrow to other bills, resuming the farm relief debate Thursday and continuing it uninterrupted until Saturday.

Chairman Haugen, of the agriculture committee, opened the debate with a plea for enactment of his bill, which, he said, would place agriculture on a parity with industry and redeem the pledge of the republican party to the farmers.

He maintained that the measure would make the tariff 100 per cent effective for agriculture, and that it was a simple remedy, not complicated and not paternalistic.

Defending the proposed $75,000,000 appropriation for a revolving fund, which would be used to stabilize prices of basic commodities, he explained that after two years the farmers themselves would maintain the fund by paying an equalization fee on the sale of their products.

The rule to consider the three bills simultaneously was adopted after a general discussion of the preliminary procedure involved, during which Representative Pou, North Carolina, ranking democrat on the rules committee, said the rule was so unusual it ought to be put in a museum. Chairman Snell, however, defended the procedure, declaring the rules committee had considered it should give the house an opportunity to pass on all three bills in view of the agriculture committee's action in reporting all of them, without recommending the passage of any particular one.

Representative Garrett, the democratic leader, commented sharply on the fact that the 21 members of the agriculture committee could not muster a majority for any bill.

LONG DELAY PAVING ROAD

Town of Newton Secure Restraining Order Against the State Highway Com.

Raleigh, May 4.—A 12-month delay in having a section of state highway route No. 10 between Statesville and Newton may be caused by a restraining order recent filed by the town of Newton against the highway commission. Newton is determined that the road shall pass by the Catawba county court house.

Plaintiffs who are represented by a notable array of counsel, including Clyde Hoey and W. C. Feimster, declare that a proposed change in the present route would be in the nature of disconnecting two county seats.

The difference in the cost of paving the present road and the proposed road is approximately four hundred thousand dollars in favor of the proposed road.

MEEKINS FOR INVESTIGATION

Charges Brought Against Jurist Not Impeaceable. Affair to Be Before House Com.

Washington, May 4.—Although the charges which have been made against him and against republicans who were affiliated with him in the campaign for governor which assured his appointment to the bench — are not regarded as impeachable, members of the house judiciary committee are inclined to the opinion that Daniel F. Hickey's request for steps looking to the removal of United States Judge Isaac M. Meekins are grave enough to require an investigation by a sub-committee.

Impeachment, lawyer members of the committee say, can only be secured for "high crimes and misdemeanors" committed while in office. The constitution is emphatic on this point. If the president of the United States were to see fit to appoint a fugitive from justice to high office and the senate, in the absence of complaint, were to confirm the appointment, the congress has no power to remove unless the official has committed some crime or misdemeanor while actually holding office.

Some democrats, outside the North Carolina delegation, are inclined to initiate a move looking to removal of Judge Meekins from office. Party lines were pretty well smashed in the recent vote to impeach Federal Judge English, of Illinois, but there is a feeling that the republicans were more enthusiastic because English was an appointee of the late President Wilson. Judge Meekins was appointed by Calvin Coolidge upon the recommendation of the republican machine in North Carolina and many erstwhile prominent democrats.

Hickey, in his petition for action by the house judiciary committee refers to the Big Four in North Carolina republican politics. In addition to Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair, who is the main stem of this four cornered combination, there are man Bramham, of Durham, and William Grissom, internal revenue collector in North Carolina. Mr. Grissom, alone of this quartet has not been involved in either formal charges or gossip and of the latter there is vastly more than of the former.

When it became somewhat certain in North Carolina that Meekins would be appointed in the event of a vacancy in the eastern district, a number of democrats joined the republican organization in a concerted drive to prevent the filing of any charges against Mr. Meekins, then liquidator for enemy insurance companies. When senate republicans were considering charges against Frank A. Linney, made by national negro organization, Meekins solidified himself with democrats by proclaiming, before prominent men in his party, his lily white republicanism. That practically assured his confirmation without objection from either Senator Overman or Senator Simmons. In the campaign against Governor McLean, Mr. Meekins only talked about Governor McLean's railroad connections and he was quite polite about that. He said far more nice things about Senator Simmons than he did about Col. Amadie A. Whitener, the republican candidate against Senator Simmons.

Although Judge Meekins has said that he will make no effort to impede or interfere with an investigation, which has now been officially presented to congress, Josiah William Bailey's recent conference here with Senator George W. Norris is recalled as a positive move to dismiss the whole matter from further consideration. Mr. Bailey is understood to have told Senator Norris that there is nothing to the complaint against Judge Meekins.

Should the house committee decide to take action, it would hardly come before late in the summer—after congress adjourns. Members who have no contests or political fences to repair would probably be named on the committee.

Cemetery Wreck

Warrenton, May 4.—Monuments twisted from their bases, broken marble slabs and wrecked graves greeted visitors to Fairview cemetery this morning. The preceding night vandals had gone through this beautiful city of the dead and 35 plots suffered damages. The wreckage was not confined to any section or family but seemed utterly aimless. A few tracks made as the tombs were hurled from their bases are the only clues left and these are useless as a number of visitors [illegible] trested over them and made the use of bloodhounds impractical. [illegible] can be [illegible] the crime.